HAFFEN SHIFTS THE BLAME FOR **GRAFT IN BRONX**

reman who was to blame?" Commisioner Mitchel asked.

By reason of Mr. Bruckner's in-"By reason of Mr. Bruckner's instructions," was the reply. "He was the
officer in charge and if he found anything wrong he should have reported

"And this was also the duty of the Superintendent of Highways and the foremen? Was it not?"

"Yes. sir." President Haffen's effort throughout show that Commissioner Bruckner was mainly, if not alone, to blame. The men, he said, might not be always un-der the eye of the foremen, who might believe they put in full time when they did not. While Mr. Mitche! was trying to get some definite statement from President Haffen as to why he thought the Commissioner was alone to blame, his counsel interposed.

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out many more interruptions."

La this a political hearing?
Q. No. But I want to know the reason? A. It was simply that I wanted to remove him.
Q. Whom did you appoint in his place? A. Thomas H. O'Nelli.
Q. Was he more competent? A. I would not care to say. I simply appointed him to succeed Gecks because I wanted to.

Q. Then it was purely a personal reason? A. I do not care to say. I had a right to make changes. I exercised that right.

Q. But why remove a man if he was perfectly competent? A. Becuase I had the right; that was all.

Commissioner Mitchel questioned President Haffen as to O'Neill's qualification.

JAMES

tions . Haffen said he was satisfied

Haffen was then asked why he removed Thomas J. Byrnes, Superintendent of Public Buildings, and replaced firm with Supt. Liebenau. Haffen replaced to give any specific reison, sine ply declaring that he removed Byrnes because he so desired.

Q. Were his services satisfactors? were his services satisfactory? A. not say they were not.
Was it, then, a matter of personal said this with a smile. Every You probably know as well as I do." esident Haffen said isked as to Leochau's qualifications,

firm said a great deal of abouty was needed for the office of Inspector Public Offices and Buildings What is the salary? A Four usand dollars a year, ommissioner Mitchel here questioned saident Haffen as to his Corporation meetor. ector. Haffen declared bimself in service of removing Corp tation Inspector of removing Corp tation Inspec-

ployees, Speaking as the Borough President,

would be the best thing for the city and save me a lot of trouble."

GUMBLETON AS WITNESS RECALLS AN OLD CONTEST.

Henry A. Gumbleton, gray mustached and spectacled, is a figure at the Hafton-a powerful ally of John Kelly, leader of Tammany Hall-contrived a Says Former Commissioner of Works Bruckner Ordered Improper Payments.

BRINGS IN AFFIDAVITS.

Borough President Greatly Irritated by Sharp Questions of Mr. Mitchel.

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give laborers "time" and pay to which
they were not entitled.
One clash occurred a few minutes
after the hearing began between Atterney L. O. Van Doren, counsel for
Fresident Haffen, and Commissioner
Mitchel. Attorney Van Doren took
cocasion to remonstrate against the
Commissioner's method of examination,
and was reprimanded somewhat
sharply.
Why He Blamed Bruckner.
"How did you come to decide that it
was Commissioner Bruckner and not the
foreman who was to blame?" Commissioner Mitchel asked.

Gumbleton was County Clerk at the
time.

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A SLOW MARKET POLICEMAN TRIED

the examination along this line was to Smelting, Delaware and Hudson and Reading Heaviest Losers Among Leaders.

> Stocks started with losses in the market to-day and failed to improve during the session. Smelting was the

"I don't see any reason for arguing Railway 5, United Railways and In- on trial in the County Court, Brooklyn, Von Doren.

"I don't propose to argue," retorted ficates 13-4, Corn Products preferred Mr. Mitchel sharply, "but I want the 18-8, Mackay Companies 11-4 and burglar while wearing the police unifacts, and I propose to get them with- Rock Island preferred and Kansas and form, took the stand in his defense to-

Van Doren muttered under his broath and then subsided.

The anthracite stocks were the weak features of the afternoon, Delaware and Hudson declining 3 and Reading 1.-2. At the close the losses averaged a point, with the trading dull. The total sales of stocks were 302,300 shares and cf bonds \$3,406,000.

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moment," President Haffen answered, flaggeting in his chair.

Q. Whom did you appoint to succeed Commissioner Bruckner? A. John F. Murray.

Murray's Qualifications for the office? A. He is one of the origitest men I ever knew. Furthermore, he is honest and capable.

Q. Where had he ever handled men!

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President Haffen tapped the desk nervously and appeared irritated at this line of examination.

"Why did you remove Superintendent of Servers Comis?" Commissioner Mitchel suddenly asked.

"Because I felt so disposed," President Haffen retorted, "I was given the right under charter."

Q. Did you remove Mr. Gecks for personal reasons or for the good of the city.
Q. Was Mr. Gecks incompetent? A. Is this a political hearing?

Q. No. But I want to know the reason? A. It was simply that I wanted to remove him.
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JAMES B. DUKE ILL.

James B. Duke, head of the Tobacco Trust, is ill at his home, No. 1009

Dawkins Admits Thief Was

day. He proved to be the usual police

- 114 produced documentary evidence to show that on former occasions, under examination and on oath, Dawkins made - 38 statements entirely at variance with - 14 some made on the witness stand to-day.

TRUESDALE RE-ELECTED D. L. AND W. PRESIDENT

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WILL THE THEATRE KISS LEAD TO THIS?



JOSTLERS SENTENCED. Three Subway Pickpockets Tempoarily Deprived of Occupation.

Justice Mayo, in Special Sessions today, imposed sentence of one year at the Island on James Murray, twenty-eight years old, and Dan Vetter, thirty-two veers old Robert Ellis, a companion,

years old. Robert Ellis, a companion, was given three months. The men were convicted of the misdemeanor of jostling subway crowds. All have long police records.

The three were picked up by Lieut. Cassassa in the Grand Central station in February while plying their trade. Cassassa took his prisoners to Mulberry street, where it was found that Murray is known as Mike Barry, with a national With a Pazor.

HE ENDED LIFE

Apparently George Boswell paid his last penny to make up his room rent. There was no money in the pockets of the east penny to make up his room rent. There was no money in the pockets of his clothing. Neither was there a scrap of paper. There were no labels on his clothing, his hat or his shoes. So far as is known he never uttered a word to any one in the hotel. The dead man was apparently young, but his face was lined. He was about of feet tall, very slender and dark of complexion. The body was taken to the Morgue. discounsed interposed.

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"He will answer it fifty times if need be," Commissioner Mitchel answered, be," Commissioner Mitchel answered, or, "I don't see any reason for arguing with the witness," continued Attorney with the witness," continued Attorney as session. Smeating was the declining 2 points, while plying their trade. Casumeted that declining 2 points, while plying their trade. Casumeted that declining 2 points, while plying their trade. Casumeted that declining 2 points, while plying their trade. Casumeted that weakest feature, it declining 2 points, while plying their trade. Casumeted association of Mulberry street, where it was found that Murray is known as Mike Barry, with a national reputation as a pickpocket. He has been arrested therety-five times. Vetter is known to the police as "Van," and has been arrested thirty-four times. Ellis, who played what is known in police parlance as the "stall," has been arrested thirteen times.

AT WORK IN READING.

plant of the American Iron and Steel occupant of Room No. 520. Company resumed to-day after a two contradictory on cross-examination.

Scott Ryan and John Boyd, ex-convicts, burglars and hold-up men, testified yesterday that Dawkins, while

WALTHAM, Mass. Feb. 25.—An insoft, but firm, resisted her efforts to

the United States navy, and was a private detective and special officer before he was appointed a policeman in October, 1906.

Ryan, he said, had been friendly with him for two years. He did not know at that time that Ryan was a burglar, Because he turned Mrs. Ryan was a burglar, and Because he turned Mrs. Ryan was a burglar, because he turned Mrs. Ryan was a burglar, and because he turned Mrs. Ryan was a burglar, because he turned Mrs. Ryan was a burglar, and because he turned Mrs. Ryan was a burglar, because he turned Mrs. Ryan was a burglar was a

PAID LAST CENT

FOR ROOM WHERE

With a Razor.

ing her rounds to day discovered that this rule had been violated by the

After pounding on the door and re ceiving no response to her summons,



Paid Out Last Cent.

PRESIDENT HALL ILL.

KELSEY BACKERS FIGHT FOR QUICK

question whether Inquisitor Matthew Fleming should receive a copy of Kelsey's answer to The World charges. Senator Armstrong offered a resolution directing the clerk of the Senate to transmit to Mr. Fleming the Kelsey statement. Grady, Raines and White, the Kelsey leaders, immediately pro-tested, saying that Kelsey had received

Fearful of Defeat, They Try to
Keep Answer to The World
Charges From Fleming.

(Special to The Evening World.)
ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 25.—Fearful lest the vote on the Kelsey case be delayed beyond to-morrow and public sentiment have a chance to influence any wobblers in the Senate, the Kelsey Senators quib
tested, saying that Kelsey had received to formal copy of the Fleming seport and that it would be giving undue prominence to Fleming to send him a copy of the answer.

Senator Hinman warned the Senate that it could not afford to be picayuns in the matter. "The House would be charged with sharp practices," he said, "if it refused to give Mr. Fleming a copy of the answer. It would be better to delay the consideration of the case than bring upon us this charge."

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